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*To all my Subscribers and Benefactors
who take my weekly Journall.*

Gentlemen, Ladies and Others;

AS you last week were Dis-
appointed of my Journall,
I think it Incumbent up-
on me, to publish my
Apology which is this.
On the Lords Day, the Seventeenth
of this Instant, I was Arrested, taken
and Imprisoned in the common Goal
of this City, by Virtue of a Warrant
from the Governour, and the Hono-
rable Francis Harrison, Esq; and others
in Councill of which (God willing)
yo'll have a Coppy, whereupon I was
put under such Restraint that I had
not the Liberty of Pen, Ink, or Paper,
or to see, or speak with People, till
upon my Complaint to the Honourable
the Chief Justice, at my appearing
before him upon my *Habias Corpus* on
the Wednesday following, Who dis-
countenanced that Proceeding, and
therefore I have had since that Time,
the Liberty of Speaking through the
Hole of the Door, to my Wife and
Servants by which I doubt not yo'll
think me sufficiently Excused for not
sending my last weeks Journall, and
I hope for the future by the Liberty of
Speaking to my Servants thro' the
Hole of the Door of the Prison, to
entertain you with my weekly Journall
as formerly.

*And am your obliged
Humble Servant,
J. Peter Zenger.*

Mr. Zenger;

AS the Liberty of the Press is justly
esteemed and universally acknowl-
edged by Englishmen, to be the grand
Paladium of all their Liberties, which
Liberty of the Press, I have rejoiced
to see well defended in Sundry of
your Papers, and particularly by your
No. 2. 3. 10. 11. 15. 16. 17. 18.
24. & 54. and by an anonymous
Authors Observations on the chief
Justices Charge of January last; now,
for as much as it may not only be of
present Use, but of future Advantage,
that such Matters of Fact, that con-
cern the Liberty of the Press, may
be faithfully recorded and transmitted
to Posterity, therefore I have sent you
a Detail of such particulars that con-
cern the Liberty of the Press within
this Colony, and because I would not
have you or my self charged with the
Publication of a Libel, I shall confine
my self to a plain Narration of Facts
without any comments.

*On Tuesday the 15th of Octo. 1734.
The supreme Court of New-York, be-
gan, when the Honourable James De
Lancey, Esq; Chief Justice charged
the Grand Jury. The Conclusion of
which Charge was as follows.*

*Gentlemen, I shall conclude with
reading a Paragraph or two out of the
same Book, † concerning Libels; they
are arrived to that height, that they*
call

John Peter Zenger's New-York Weekly Journal No. 93 (August 18, 1735)

The issue published after the celebrated trial, which announced the vindication of a free press. Zenger was arrested, charged with libel and imprisoned because of his paper's criticism of Governor Cosby's arbitrary and tyrannical acts. Defended by Andrew Hamilton, his victory was a victory of Freedom of the Press. While in prison, awaiting trial, Zenger continued to edit his publication.